

MINUTES OF THE DEMOPOLIS COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF DEMOPOLIS, ALABAMA

Regular Meeting

November 7, 2016

Present:

Council Members: John Laney, Mayor
 Charles Jones-District 1
 Nathan Hardy-District 2
 Harris Nelson-District 3
 Bill Meador-District 4
 Cleveland Cole-District 5

City Clerk: Sam Gross

Department Heads:

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| • Police-Reese-submitted | Court |
| • Fire- Vernon Waters- submitted | Public Works-Mike Baker-submitted |
| • Park & Recreation-Walker Reynolds | Horticulture-Barbara Blevins |
| • Building Official-Julius Rembert-submitted | Library-Morgan Allen |
| • City Hall-Sam Gross | |

Mayor John Laney called the meeting to order with an invocation by Mike Baker followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grayson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Laney: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

The Council reviewed the minutes of October 20, 2016. Councilman Meador made a correction to add as follows:

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole reported that the concrete block structure at Arcola Street and Second Avenue has been demolished by the property *owners*.

Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 5 yes votes by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Laney:	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Announcements:

Aletheia House Community Wellness Team along with Ameri-Corps Vista would cordially invite you to attend College Preparation Series and Career Academy will be held at Theo Ratliff Activity Center Thursday, November 10 from 9am – 4pm.

Mayor Laney read three letters from Sumter County Sheriff, City of Linden, and District Attorney Greg Griggers extended gratitude to the Demopolis Police Department for assisting in several events and investigations.

Reports from Departments:

Departmental report submitted as stated above.

Projects:

Dilapidated Housing: Mr. Poole will submit a list of the files on the projects and where they stand at this point.

Unfinished Business:

Access from Roman Alley: No discussion at this time.

Ditch on Decatur Street: Councilman Jones stated there is discrepancy with Water Department where the sewer line is located. At this time we are still waiting for the line to be located by the Water Department.

Public Assembly Application Sav –A-Life Pregnancy: Chief Reese asked for this to be tabled until the next council meeting.

New Business:

Resolution 2016-56 Airport Improvement Project: Jason Pendergrass stated Resolution 2016-56 for approval to make application for airport improvement grant. This grant would be for the remodeling and expanding the airport terminal. The grant is for \$167,000 with five percent match for the city in the amount \$8,300. Councilman Meador made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-56. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:

Mayor Laney: yes	Councilman Jones: yes	Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes	Councilman Meador: yes	Councilman Cole: yes

Public Hearing for Rezoning Property at 2933 Highway 80 East: The public hearing for rezoning of property was opened to the public comments pertaining to this location. No public comments were noted.

Proposed Ordinance 2016-07 Rezoning Property from R-1 zone to A-1 zone at 2933 Highway 80 East: Mayor Laney stated that this was approved with favorable recommendation from Planning Commission. The property at this time is vacant land and zone change would be for cattle. Councilman Cole made the

motion to approve Ordinance 2016-07 to rezone property from R-1 zone to A-1 zone. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:
Mayor Laney: yes Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

Resolution 2016-57 Budget Adjustment: Resolution 2016-57 is for police security at Sonic. The money has been received at City Hall and Chief Reese is asking for the funds to be transfer to overtime budget. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-57. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:
Mayor Laney: yes Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

Request to appear: Ashley Coplin-approval COTR: Chamber of Commerce Director Ashley Colpin asked permission to host COTR November 30th-December 3rd. Councilman Cole made the motion to approve the request to host COTR. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:
Mayor Laney: yes Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

CDBG Administration Agreement: Mayor Laney stated this is for grant for the brickyard area. Councilman Jones stated this is for the road improvements to entry road to Two Rivers and the WestRock Chip Mill. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve administration agreement with Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:
Mayor Laney: yes Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

Ordinance 2016-09 Sales Tax Holiday: Mayor Laney stated Ordinance 2016-09 is for the back to school sales tax holiday. The sales tax holiday is the first weekend in August. Councilman Nelson made the motion to pass Ordinance 2016-09. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:
Mayor Laney: yes Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

Grant approval for Fire Department: Chief Waters asked for permission to apply equipment grant. The amount of grant \$46,052 the department match \$4,281, \$2,089 of the department match is for consulting fee. Chief Waters stated the department match is in his department budget. Councilman Hardy made the motion to authorize Chief Waters to apply for the grant. Councilman Cole seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 6 yes votes by the following roll call votes:
Mayor Laney: yes Councilman Jones: yes Councilman Hardy: yes
Councilman Nelson: yes Councilman Meador: yes Councilman Cole: yes

Committee/Board Reports: 2nd meeting of the month:

Council Discussion: Councilman Nelson asked that the Park & Recreation board appointment be on next agenda. There are three (3) spots that needed to be filled.

Councilman Hardy asked that council meeting time for November 17th be moved to 8am on that day. The Mayor and Council were in favor of the changes.

Councilman Meador stated normally the first Thursday in December falls during COTR events I propose we move to Monday December 5th at 5:15pm. The Mayor and Council were in favor of the changes.

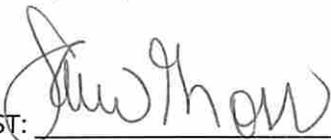
Mayor Discussion: Mayor Laney stated it has come to his attention that the current budget is overstated on revenue by \$500,000 and understated on expenses by \$100,000. Budget adjustments will have to be made in salaries as a result of federal mandate on overtime. This will be addressed by the finance committee by the 2nd council meeting in January. Finance Committee will come back with the recommendation for council to pass.

Public Comments: Mental Ledbetter spoke on the behalf of Aletheia House encouraged the Mayor and Council to attend the College Preparation Series and Career Academy at the Theo Ratliff Activity Center Thursday, November 10th from 9am-4pm.

Councilman Meador made a motion to adjourn.



John Laney, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Sam Gross, City Clerk

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